

January 3, 1996

Dear Narragansett Boat Club Member:

1995 was quite a year. We did a lot for the boathouse--completed the interior of the addition and painted the exterior of the original. We also had many excellent work parties that maintained both the building and the boats. In terms of rowing, we surpassed last year's total mileage by almost 3000 miles. A good deal of the increase has come through the renewed interest in sweeps rowing, most of it coming from our female members. This led to the purchase of our second eight. We also had a resurgence of sculling mileage. Thanks to the efforts of Regatta Chair Robin Gross and her committee, we had an excellent turnout for the Mayor's Cup and the Sweeps and Sculls. And finally, a very strong turnout of newcomers capped Thom Collins' first year as Director.


This was also an excellent year because we had a healthy increase in our regular membership. On behalf of the Boat Club, I thank you for your support. I also hope to see you continue your membership. Therefore, please complete the enclosed membership card and make out your check for the year's dues. In addition, when you fill out your card, please check off two committees or areas in which you would like to help the club as an organization. We need your dues payments now. We also need your help as we set up our committees for the coming year. All of us have joined the NBC because we like to row. But what keeps the dues low is our willingness to both work at the club and for the club. This keeps us strong as an organization and enables us to provide low cost maintenance for the boats, the building, and the docks. So, please write that check and take your pick of the committees.

Once again thanks for your support, we hope to see you with us again for this, our 158th year. We are the oldest club in the nation, but we still have the energy of a youngster. During these cold months there is rowing on the ergometers at the boathouse. It's a hardy way to stay in shape. But the electric heater helps to soften the brisk air. Perhaps I'll see you there. Also, please come to these two January events: the 1st Quarterly Meeting on January 15 [at 43 Slater Avenue] and the Annual Awards Party at 6:15pm on Friday, January 28 [at the Armstrong's in Rehoboth].

Note: If you own a shell, you will need to pay your rack fee and send a letter to the Captain requesting continuation of your rack space.

Best wishes for a most successful 1996!

Sincerely yours,


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